



*The Collaborative Outreach
& Training Committee
Presents
Free Educational Seminars
for
Family Members
Caring for
Children and Adults
with Developmental
Disabilities*



*A Cooperative Partnership
between:
Montgomery County
Department of
Health & Human Services,
Aging & Disability Services,
Community Support Network
240-777-1216
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and
Jewish Social Service Agency
301-990-6880*

REGISTRATION FOR SEMINARS

Registration is required for all participants in the seminars. Registration assists the Committee with providing the necessary materials for each seminar and making them available to participants. To register, please call 240-777-1216. Please be sure to leave your name, phone number, and the title of the seminar you wish to attend. You may register for more than one seminar during that one phone call. You will receive a confirmation phone call at the phone number you provide prior to the day of the seminar. Participants who do not register but arrive for the seminar will be admitted based on space availability.

CHECK IN AND SEATING

Check in and seating for all seminars is between 6:45 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. All seminars will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. Out of consideration for our speakers, plan to arrive no later than 6:45 p.m.

LOCATION

*Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS)
401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, MD 20850, First Floor—Tan Conference Room*

DIRECTIONS AND PARKING

DHHS is located 2 blocks north of the Rockville/Courthouse Metro stop along Route 355.

From the south: take 355 north through the intersection at Beall Avenue. The building is red brick with black windows and will be on your right, just beyond the Chevy Chase Bank.

From the north: take 355 south past Montgomery College and the Board of Education. Go through the traffic light at Washington Street (Giant Food store will be on the left). At the next light, turn left into the office building (#451) parking lot. Make an immediate right. The building is red brick with black windows and will be on your left.

Parking is free. Please park in the visitor parking spaces in front or around the sides of the building. There is additional visitor parking on the top level of the parking deck directly behind the building.

OTHER NEEDED SERVICES

If you need any aides or services to participate in this series, please contact 240-777-1216 at least one week prior to the seminar date.

CANCELLATIONS & WEATHER POLICY

In the event that a seminar is cancelled, a Committee staff person will call each registered participant and notify them of the cancellation. We are unable to notify participants of changes in the seminar without a phone number given during registration. Seminars will automatically be cancelled due to inclement weather when Montgomery County Public Schools are closed or dismissed early on the day of the seminar.

How to Get From Start to Finish: A Road Map of Services for Children with Disabilities

Tuesday, October 12, 2004

6:45 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Presenters: Jamell White, from JSSA; and Joanne Miller, Shawn Lattanzio, and Lisa Marino from MCDHHS

The presenters will provide information on steps to take during your child's life in order to access community resources and services for your child with developmental disabilities.

***To register for this seminar,
please call 240-777-1216 by
Monday, October 11, 2004.***

Developmental Disabilities Administration: State, Regional, and Local Overview

Tuesday, November 9, 2004

6:45 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Presenter: Ms. Nancy Kirchner, Director for the Southern Maryland Regional Office.

Ms. Kirchner will present an overview of the State of Maryland's Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA). The seminar will explain the eligibility process, accessing services, types of services offered, rolling access funding, the Community Pathways waiver, and Resource Coordination.

***To register for this seminar,
please call 240-777-1216 by
Monday, November 8, 2004.***

Respite Care: How to Access Respite and Increase Communication Between Families and Providers

Tuesday, December 14, 2004

6:45 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Presenter: Karen Patterson, Respite Administrator for Respite Services of Montgomery Co.

Ms. Patterson will present an overview of respite care services including eligibility, services provided, accessing services, and financial assistance. There will also be a discussion of how families, caregivers, and providers can increase their ability to communicate more successfully with each other.

***To register for this seminar, please call
240-777-1216 by Monday, December 13, 2004.***

Alternative Vocational Options for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Tuesday, January 11, 2005

6:45 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Presenters: Morris Tranen, Director of the Maryland Reach Independence through Self-Employment (RISE) Program, and Lisa Cuozzo with the Montgomery Works One Stop Career Center.

Mr. Tranen will present information on the RISE program that provides education, consultation, and business counseling services to facilitate individuals with disabilities in starting their own business. Ms. Cuozzo will present information on non-traditional employment services for individuals with significant disabilities. She will focus on Customized Employment, a new disability initiative based at Montgomery Works.

***To register for this seminar, please call
240-777-1216 by January 10, 2005.***

Identity Theft: Steps to Take to Protect Vulnerable Populations

Tuesday, February 8, 2005

6:45 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Presenter: Detective Scott Wyne from the Montgomery County Police Department

Detective Wyne is a fraud investigator with Montgomery County Police and is assigned to the U.S. Secret Service Fraud Task Force in Washington, D.C. He will present information on current issues and problems surrounding identity theft, what police are doing about it, ways to prevent it, and what to do if you or your loved one are the victim.

***To register for this seminar,
please call 240-777-1216 by
Monday, February 7, 2005.***

Supporting Siblings of Children with Special Needs

Tuesday, March 8, 2005

6:45 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Presenter: Martha Mervis, LCSW-C with Jewish Social Services Agency, and a panel of siblings

Ms. Mervis will discuss the positive and negative impacts on the siblings of children with a disability. She will offer strategies of how parents can best address the impact of having a sibling with a disability, including how parents can talk with their children.

The panel of siblings will share their different experiences with having a brother or sister with a developmental disability.

***To register for this seminar,
please call 240-777-1216 by
Monday, March 7, 2005.***

Future & Estate Planning and Guardianship

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

6:45 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Presenter: Barry Fierst, Esquire

Mr. Fierst is a well known attorney in private practice, and is experienced working with people with disabilities and their families. Formerly, he was the Executive Director of the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes for nine years. Mr. Fierst will present information on future and estate planning and guardianship.

***To register for this seminar,
please call 240-777-1216 by
Monday, April 11, 2005.***

Thinking about the Unthinkable: End of Life Concerns

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

6:45 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Presenter: Ruth Wolf, Senior Executive Director, Special Needs Agency

This seminar will assist families prepare legally and financially for end of life concerns. It will inform families of the varied implications of dying without a will and how it could impact the survivors. This seminar will provide information about funeral expense funds and how to establish one for your special family member.

***To register for this seminar,
please call 240-777-1216 by
Monday, May 9, 2005.***